



## Sweet

Many of the words in the grid appear in *The Chambers Dictionary* (11th edition). However, as the title suggests, *Chambers* is not the only source for this puzzle. All clues are normal, but bear in mind the limitations of their orthography. Hidden among the clues are an appropriate archaeological artifact and part of the inscription it bears. These indicate which of the 13 cells in the grid are to be highlighted.

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### Across

1. Pleasure in the region of Perth is difficult. (5)
4. Circle with unknown diameter contains something like a couch. (6)
9. Use a room in a cottage in a nuclear research institute to keep a message. (6)
10. Hit ferret runs away flustered on three legs. (7)
12. Showed Lawrence holding eccentric hat. (5)
14. Cover for Jenny when she's sucking a spangle. (5)
16. Motor-driven vehicle for one such as William Wallace. (3)
17. Epaulet worn by colonels needs no silver oil. (3)
19. Spoon found in Mesoamerica under broken cist. (6)
20. Poorly at first, Lulu eats fish. (3)
21. Air rage after losing sight of earth is silly, and leads to lament. (6)
22. Edward munches brussels in vinegar. (4)
26. Nearly, nearly: close to, close to eight. (5)
27. Ate both hearts on Thursday, ignoring BMI. (3)
28. Crude English lined up in succession. (4)
29. Gets straight about people ignoring (plain clothes) police officer in uniform. (9)
32. Adding gold to neon causes fracture. (4)
34. Probability that we hear of a defect in one of the wooden edges. (3)
35. Arkle, for instance, leads important politician to seat. (5)
36. When a gambling game is found in a state bordering Nevada, I am not... (4)
38. ... to inquire, because the intelligence service has found none – not one. (6)
40. Charter brings compliance, ending what smells. (3)
42. Yoke nationalist between unionist and half-dead leaders of Orange Protestants – it's shallow. (6)
44. Lad out to find what makes him sick. (3)
45. Like no Dutch yokel. (3)
46. Spirit shown by seven doing a runner. (5)
47. Italy's, Spain's and Portugal's are late. Oh, that's reckless. (5)
48. Characteristic of one who knows the meaning of "ell" – send 120 yards of cotton back. (7)

49. See excitement but no will to find touch in the men playing rugger. (6)
50. Excavates Connecticut hospital with centre destroyed in fire. (6)
51. They lead half the Mounties into river to find coffins. (5)

### Down

1. Regrow teat damaged by manger. (9)
2. Argentina, note, is poetically located in India and Eire. (7)
3. Tool provided by diggers to cover dead European soprano. (5)
5. Wayward dancer takes coke: this is done to vex. (7)
6. Oil on the bottom of engineer's ship. (4)
7. A bit of radish, and then a bit of apple, thrown into boiling pot – food, but not for man. (6)
8. Dollar-rich guard has meal. (3)
10. Yngling crew do well but lack speed. (4)
11. Fit one with decoration in harness. (3)
13. Applause when you get surrounded by fish, losing heart. (7)
15. Fine I extracted from an IT company in denial. (2)
18. Attendant loosely hinting I should be replaced by Earl. (6)
23. Euro-wonk turns to drink. (6)
24. Thanks for that china – but it's shattered. (7)
25. The information delay precedes a set of rules for the *aristokratia*. (9)
27. Now then, it's moist. (3)
30. Rode well, nearly beaten by countryman. (7)
31. In December, part of New York is overshadowed by a degenerative disease, the sort of condition dealt with by an ICU. (7)
33. Mowing around the end of carpet. (6)
37. Handwritten text (about 1110-11) reveals a source of peat... (4)
39. ... with a trace of phosphorous in sorrel. (5)
41. Irony lost on limey throwing a horseshoe. (4)
42. With an extra one shilling and eight pence, this generates interest accruing illicitly to me (and to you all). (2)
43. *London Pride's* opening (that number of Noël's) celebrated on a Sunday in WW2. (3)
45. Xmas sales are over, and donkey has been taken by one on Compton's side. Well! (3)